

Utah Department of Environmental Quality Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet



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HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE

What is a Hazardous Waste ?

A hazardous waste is specifically listed by the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Rules or exhibits a hazardous characteristic such as ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity (as defined by the rules). Common hazardous waste may include paint, spent solvents, dry cleaning residues and pesticides.

Permits

Individuals who treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste must comply with a permit issued by the Division. However, the rules allow generators of hazardous waste to accumulate waste in accordance with certain requirements, in lieu of a permit.

Permit conditions are facility specific and are based on:

- waste type,
- waste management equipment,
- operating procedures,
- type of management units,
- installation and construction of units,
- equipment maintenance,
- inspections,
- emergency procedures,
- personnel training,
- record keeping,
- analytical procedures,
- air, groundwater and soil sampling and monitoring,
- closure plans, and
- clean ups.

Modification of Permits

The permit must be modified when facilities desire to change operating plans, equipment, or personnel. Prior to the Division making a final determination on substantial changes, the public has an opportunity to provide comments that assist in the decision-making.

Compliance Monitoring

Division technical experts provide continual monitoring of hazardous waste management activities by conducting on-site inspections; sampling; auditing lab procedures; evaluating technical data such as incineration operating data, soil sampling data, or groundwater monitoring data.

Permit Violations

Warning Letters or *Notices of Violation and Compliance Orders* can be issued for violations.

Facilities must immediately correct any deficiencies and may provide additional information concerning the alleged violations.

Violations are resolved by entering into consent agreements or by civil litigation. Consent agreements are not finalized until the public has an opportunity to comment.

Public Involvement

The Division maintains mailing lists of individuals interested in specific facilities within a county. Mailing list participants receive notices of

facility sponsored informational meetings, minor permit changes, public comment periods for substantial permit changes, and final permit decisions. To be added to the mailing list, contact the Division.

Notices of all public comment periods are published in a local newspaper and the *Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News*. Notices of public hearings are also broadcast on KSL radio prior to the hearing.

The Division strives to work closely with facilities and the community to address technical issues that allow a facility to maximize operating efficiency and minimize impacts on human health and the environment.

Additional Information

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